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Chief of Station, Frankfurt
Attn: Chief, XX

KIBITZ Plans and Training

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1. This dispatch concerns primarily the suggestion made in reference memorandum that KIBITZ 15 be sent to Washington for purposes of training, further orientation, etc.
2. Consideration of such a trip should include both the considerable benefit which we would be able to derive from KIBITZ 15's comprehensive knowledge of field problems and the additional knowledge which he should obtain from training and briefing received here. The opportunity for him to improve and further develop his training manuals is also an important factor.
3. We readily acknowledge the fact that KIBITZ 15 can be of great service to numerous persons here. We do not, however, wish to bring him here until there is further crystallization of several aspects of staybehind planning, not only with reference to Germany, but in general. We have alluded from time to time to the planning here for a comprehensive staybehind course. Present plans indicate that this course will be given a dry run around the middle of May. It will be under the direction of [redacted], who will have three assistants under his supervision. Currently [redacted] and others are conducting a detailed program concerned with the debriefing of all personnel here who are in any way charged with staybehind responsibilities. This procedure is preliminary to the actual inauguration of the course. Following the debriefing the afore-mentioned dry run (in the form of a seminar) will take place and will be attended by most of the people who have taken part in the debriefing sessions. Following the dry run, [redacted] would like to run through at least two terms of the staybehind course before he will feel competent to judge what aspects of the course should be retained, deleted, strengthened, etc.
4. It is the feeling here, in view of the above situation, that an immediate trip here by K-15 would be of dubious value to him. We therefore propose that his trip be postponed until the course and various training materials are well in hand.

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It is assumed that this will involve several months, so that the trip could well be planned for completion early in the fall of the year.

5. Now, while we cannot say categorically just when the trip will be possible, we are heartily in accord with your suggestion concerning its value. We will do our utmost to work it out when the proper time arrives.

6. We have had no opportunity to examine the H-15 training manuals in more than a cursory fashion. We will, however, give some time to them and will make certain that Barker and others have an opportunity to study them carefully, so that they can be reviewed and constructively criticized.

7. We believe that the possible employment of H-15 as a contact agent should be studied either during or after the period of his visit here.

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